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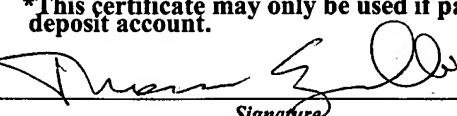
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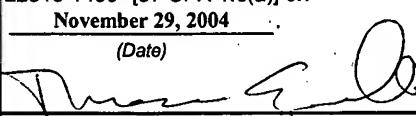


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1. United States Patent No. 6,369,899 B1, issued to Hamada, dated April 9, 2002;
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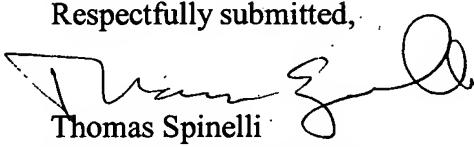
  
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3. United States Patent No. 4,590,367, issued to Ross et al., dated May 20, 1986;
4. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0118970 A1, to Miyoshi, dated August 29, 2002;
5. European Patent Application Publication No. EP 1 006 386 A1, dated June 7, 2000; and
6. German Patent No. DE 197 38 480 C 1, dated November 26, 1998.

The references were cited in a Search Report dated October 5, 2004 received from the European Patent Office. Applicants are submitting copies of reference numbers 5 and 6, together with a copy of the Search Report. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicants are not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report. Also enclosed herewith is a Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d).

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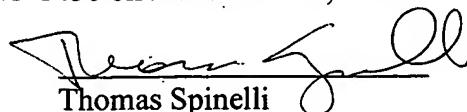
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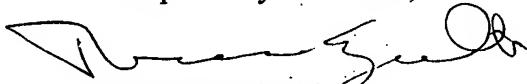
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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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		EP 1 006 386 A1	6/7/2000	Europe				
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